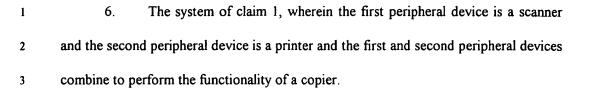
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1	1. A system for improving the performance of a plurality of peripheral						
2	devices, comprising:						
3	a first peripheral device associated with a first software component and having						
4	a first functionality; and						
5	a second peripheral device associated with a second software component and						
6	having a second functionality, the second peripheral device being coupled to the first						
7	peripheral device, the first and second peripheral devices together performing						
8	functionality in addition to the first and second functionalities and having a common						
9	user interface.						
1	2. The system of claim 1, wherein the first and second peripheral devices						
2	are coupled via a computer.						
1	3. The system of claim 1, wherein the first and second peripheral devices						
2 .	are coupled via a network.						
1	4. The system of claim 1, wherein the first and second peripheral devices						
2	are coupled via a wireless network.						
1	5. The system of claim 1, wherein the first and second peripheral devices						

are coupled directly to each other.



- 7. The system of claim 1, further comprising a graphical user interface,
 where the graphical user interface receives information from the first and second
 software components and presents to a user the additional functionality.
 - 8. The system of claim 1, wherein the first software component associated with the first peripheral device and the second software component associated with the second peripheral device allow the first and second peripheral devices to exchange information over a network, the information pertaining to the identity of the first peripheral device and the second peripheral device.
 - 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the information exchanged between the first and second peripheral devices further comprises information relating to the capabilities of the first peripheral device and the second peripheral device.
 - 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the first peripheral device modifies its capabilities based on the information received from the second peripheral device.
 - 11. The system of claim 9, wherein the first peripheral device presents to a user a menu of available functionality based on the information received from the second peripheral device.

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1	12. A method for improving the functionality of a plurality of peripheral					
2	devices, the method comprising the steps of:					
3	providing a first peripheral device associated with a first software component					
4	and having a first functionality;					
5	coupling a second peripheral device associated with a second software component					
6	and a second functionality to the first peripheral device; and					
7	where the first and second peripheral devices together perform functionality in					
8	addition to the first and second functionalities and have a common user interface.					

- 1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of coupling the first and second peripheral devices via a computer.
 - 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of coupling the first and second peripheral devices via a network.
- 1 15. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of coupling the first and second peripheral devices via a wireless network.
- 1 16. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of directly coupling the first and second peripheral devices.
 - 17. The method of claim 12, wherein the first peripheral device is a scanner and the second peripheral device is a printer and the first and second peripheral devices combine to perform the functionality of a copier.

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- 18. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of presenting to a 1 2 user the additional functionality.
- 19. 1 The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of the first and 2 second peripheral devices exchanging information over a network, the information pertaining to the identity of the first peripheral device and the second peripheral device. 3
 - 20. The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of exchanging information between the first and second peripheral devices, the information relating to the capabilities of the first peripheral device and the second peripheral device.
 - 21. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of modifying the capabilities of the first peripheral device based on the information received from the second peripheral device.
 - 22. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of the first peripheral device presenting to a user a menu of available functionality based on the information received from the second peripheral device.



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2	devices, comp	rising:					

3	a first peripheral device associated with a first software component and having
ı	a first functionality; and

a second peripheral device associated with a second software component and 5 having a second functionality, the second peripheral device being coupled to the first 6 peripheral device, the first and second peripheral devices together performing 7 functionality in addition to the first and second functionalities.